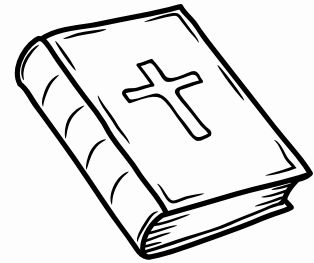


# CHRISTIANITY 101

## LESSION 1: THE BIBLE



16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

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### Why Christianity 101

- Many Christians don't know what they believe

This lack of understand has many consequences...

Wolves love uninformed Christians

### Classroom Rules

- This is 101 - not seminary!
- Ask your questions
- Reject shame. No one has taught you, so how would you know?

### Why the Bible week 1?

- The Bible is the source of God's revealed will

It connects us all the way back

- Everything else is opinion



Basic Facts:

- 66 Books of the Bible - 39 OT & 27 NT
- Many types of genres represented
- Originally written in greek & hebrew

Translation Theory: How do we get the English Bible?

NIV Textual Basis: ... The Greek text used in translating the New Testament has been in the eclectic one, based on the latest edition of Nestle-Aland/United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament. The translators made their choices among the variant readings in accordance with the widely accepted principles of New Testament textual criticism. Footnotes call attention to the places where uncertainty remains.

- Wait, don't we have the original documents?
- What happens when there are disagreements? John 7:53-8:11
- Can I trust any of this then?!?!?!?
  
- Styles of translation include:
  1. Word for Word - ESV
  2. Thought for Thought - NIV
  3. Paraphrase - The Message
  
- A quick rant about the KJV...



## The inerrancy of scripture

The inerrancy of scripture means that scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything which is contrary to fact

- God has preserved through time what needed to be preserved for faith and practice.
- What about the claim of circular logic?
- What about all the different copies of manuscripts?

## The Bible in your everyday life

- Should be studied
- Should be authoritative in our lives
- Should be applied
- What should you do when you don't understand?
- What about devotionals?
- Can God speak to me outside of scripture?

## Resources for further study:

- Inspiration, Infallibility, and Inerrancy: Hath God Said? with R.C. Sproul (YouTube)
- R.C. Sproul: How to Study the Bible (YouTube)
- Biblical Doctrine by Wayne Grudem

"If you are ignorant of God's Word, you will always be ignorant of God's will." – Billy Graham